

## **A PEOPLE PLEASING TO GOD:**

### **FAITHFUL TO THE FINISH (2)**

(Revelation 3:10-13 and Revelation 21:1-5a)

- Q. WHAT** do you think for you is the nearest thing to heaven on earth?
- Q. WHAT** are you looking forward to most in leaving earth for heaven?
- Q. HOW** might the beauty of the world we live in now, help prepare us for the world promised to come?

#### **(Vs.10)**

- Q. WHAT** do you think the *hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world* means here?  
(Consider Daniel 12:1b and Matthew 24:21)
- Q. HOW** might we link (Vs.10) and (Revelation 21:4) so as to encourage us stay **FAITHFUL TO THE FINISH** in world full of tears right now?
- Q. WHAT** kind of tears do we cry now and how does the fact that *Jesus wept* (John 11:35) help us understand that God knows how we feel and cared about it?
- Q. WHAT** brings Jesus to tears and **HOW** ought that to govern the things we do and don't do? (Luke 19:41)

#### **(Vs.11)**

- Q. WHAT** is the crown Jesus did not want the believers at Philadelphia to have taken from them?  
(Consider Matthew 16:27 - 2 Corinthians 5:10  
1 Peter 5:4 - Hebrews 11:6)

**Q.** HOW do we hold on to what we've been entrusted with both in and for Christ? (Luke 12:42-44, John 14:14:15)

**(Vs.12)**

**Q.** WHAT do you think the New Jerusalem means for all of us as believers? (Revelation 22:3-5, 1 Peter 1:4)

**Q.** WHAT does Jesus promise those who *overcome* and WHAT do you think is both the message of it and the meaning to it?

Professor Thomas Constable notes, *“God promised that He will not just honour overcomers by erecting a pillar in their name in heaven, as was the custom in Philadelphia. He will make them pillars in the spiritual temple of God, the New Jerusalem so that all those who struggled with weakness Jesus will make everlasting pillars in the house of God, secure forever in Him.”*

**(Vs.13)** For those who have an ear to hear:

**Q.** WHAT can we do to remind ourselves to be faithful to the Lord even when we are going through hard times?

**Q.** HOW can we remind ourselves every day this week of God's promised future for His people?

**Q.** HOW can we bring comfort today to someone who is facing death or pain or some other kind of sadness?

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